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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: G. Sain  
HIROKI MIYATA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2176  
Application No.: 09/493,110 )  
: Filed: January 28, 2000 )  
: For: OBJECT EDITING APPARATUS AND )  
METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM :  
STORING COMPUTER-READABLE )  
PROGRAM : December 17, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

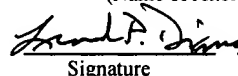
Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. Prior to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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